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or Proclaims Loyalty Day Here

Loyalty Day has been declared by Earl Hughes, mayor of Merkel. His proclamation was issued this week designating the observance of May 1 as Loyalty Day.

The text of the proclamation follows:

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, by Public Law No. 85-529 of the 85th Congress, H. J. Res. 479, in joint resolution, July 18, 1958, the House of Representatives and the Senate of the United States, May 1st of every year, has henceforth been designated as National Loyalty Day and approved by the President on July 18, 1958.

WHEREAS, it becomes more important each day that our citizens be reminded of the blessings of this country so that they are prepared to fight the inroads of Communism at home, National Loyalty Day now affords them that opportunity to proclaim their faith in democratic form of government.

WHEREAS, it is the duty of each American to stand up for that thousands of Americans have died which he believes and that which for on the battlefields throughout the world; now,

WHEREFORE, I Mayor of the City of Merkel pursuant to the joint resolution of the Congress do hereby proclaim May 1, 1962, as Loyalty Day in the City of Merkel and urge that every man, woman and child join in a public demonstration that will show to the peoples of the world our undivided devotion to our government and our way of life. I further urge full and complete cooperation by all organizations within our state to actively participate in all public Loyalty Day celebrations and to assist the Veterans of Foreign Wars in urging a public display of flags by all our citizens on May 1.

Signed, Earl Hughes, Mayor

Lynda Jones Gets Praise For Her College Studies

Lynda Jones, daughter of Mrs. Adele Jones of Merkel and a sophomore student at Texas Tech, Lubbock, is the recipient of a letter of congratulations from Dean Heather "on her superior academic achievement" last semester and also extending best wishes for her continued high endeavor.

Lynda is a member of Phi Gamma Nu, an honorary professional sorority, and also a member of the National Student Educational Association. She has been elected a Legislator of Doak Hall for the year 1962-63.

Candidate Quiz

Program Thursday

A quiz-the-candidates meeting open to and for the public will be held at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the Abilene Public Library.

Dr. S. B. Thompson, dean of men and professor of government and history at McMurry College, will act as moderator of the program which is being sponsored by the League of Women Voters and the Abilene Jaycees.

and candidates for state office and candidates for state office from this district are expected to appear.

Each candidate will be allowed a limited time on the program. Questions from the audience will be answered afterward.

SCHEDULE

Scheduled events to be attended by two of the three candidates for the District 24 state Senate post, as reported by the candidates themselves, are as follows:

DALLAS PERKINS
Thursday — Merkel, Abilene, Iowa.

DAVID RATLIFF
Thursday — Trent, Merkel, Pecos, Lavin, Buffalo Gap, Tye, Pecos, Abilene.

CIVIL DEFENSE REPORT ON HURRICANE RELIEF

Fred Starbuck, chairman of the Merkel disaster drive for Hurricane Carla relief has released a breakdown of the funds collected and spent for the aid of victims of Hurricane Carla in 1961.

Here is the breakdown of collections and expenditures. The people of Merkel and vicinity, by the nature and size of their contributions to the American Red Cross in behalf of Hurricane Carla, showed a keen interest in helping their fellow man. Believing that all would like to know the manner in which their money was spent, the following special Statistical and Financial Highlights are provided.

Damage Done By Hurricane Carla in Texas and Louisiana:

Killed	45
Major injuries or illnesses	701
Minor injuries or illnesses	11,266
Hospitalized	636
Dwellings destroyed or damaged	54,439
Farm buildings destroyed or damaged	7,449
Other buildings destroyed or damaged	8,111
Total families suffering loss	97,949

American Red Cross Assistance to people affected:

Hurricane victims given mass care	386,395
Emergency workers served	33,059
Families assisted with recovery	17,574

Funds spent by the American Red Cross in assisting:

EMERGENCY MASS CARE	\$ 561,274.00
INDIVIDUAL FAMILY ASSISTANCE:	
Food, clothing, and maintenance	\$ 673,989.00
Building and repair	

(homes, boats, trailers)	1,292,372.00
Household furnishings	2,608,011.00
Medical and nursing care	66,708.00
Occupational supplies and eqpt.	127,950.00

TOTAL INDIVIDUAL FAMILY ASSISTANCE \$4,769,030.00

TOTAL RELIEF AND RECOVERY \$5,330,304.00

SERVICE COST 274,262.00

*GRAND TOTAL \$5,604,566.00

* As of February 6, 1962.

ALL RED CROSS DISASTER RELIEF IS AN OUTRIGHT GIFT
FRED STARBUCK, Chairman
Merkel Disaster Drive
For Carla Relief

CITY WATER RATES DUE FURTHER STUDY

Charles Erwin, attorney for the City of Merkel, said last Friday morning Merkel officials do not feel the imposition of an ad valorem tax against Abilene property owners to support Hubbard Creek Reservoir is justification to increase the water rate to Merkel.

Erwin's statement, delivered as the Abilene city commission was preparing to consider a resolution concerning an air gap in Abilene's water line to Merkel, put both the rate matter and the air gap back into the hands of the administrative staff for more study.

"I think we have a point upon which we can talk to the Merkel people further," City Manager Robert M. Tinstman told the commission. They agreed to pass the matter again for further study.

Merkel has had a water supply contract with Abilene since 1954 under which Abilene supplies treated water to the neighboring city for 25 cents per 1,000 gallons. The contract runs for 31 years.

Late last year, the air gap matter came up and commissioners directed City Manager Robert M.

Tinstman to attempt to re-negotiate the contract price to cover the city's actual production cost with an increment to cover the tax imposed by the Hubbard Creek project.

Improvement In Moisture Noted In This Region

COLLEGE STATION — Texas farmers are hoping for warmer weather. Some improvement was noted, said John Hutchison, director of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, in the soil moisture situation but cold soil continues to slow germination and plant growth.

Rain is needed, he said, especially in the south, southwest and west.

Moisture has improved in Central West Texas and grass, weeds and small grains are making good growth. Sheep feeding has stopped but some cattle are still being fed. Oats are beginning to head but a short crop is in prospect. Wheat is making excellent growth.

A general rain is needed in far West Texas where grass growth is very slow and feeding continues. Irrigated grain and alfalfa are making good growth. Cotton planting is general over the district.

Most dryland areas in the South Plains (Lubbock) will need more rain for cotton and sorghum planting. Dryland wheat needs rain now. The soil is warming up rapidly and farmers are preparing to plant. Irrigated wheat is making good progress.

Farmers Co-Op Gin Meeting Saturday

The annual meeting of the Farmers Co-Op Gin of Merkel will be held at 2:30 p.m. Saturday at the gin, Morris B. Smith, manager, has announced.

Smith said that a large cash dividend, a little over \$41,000 will be paid to members. This is the largest dividend ever paid, he added.

All members are urged to attend.

CUB PACK MEETING

There will be a Cub Scout Pack meeting Monday night, April 30, at 7:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. All members are urged to attend.

Two Merkel WTU Employees To Be At Friday Meet

More than 150 West Texas Utilities Co. women personnel from the 50 county service area will be in Abilene Friday to attend the Eighth Annual West Texas Utilities Women's Institute "Prescription Efficiency" will be the theme of the 1962 Institute.

This event is attended each year by women employees of WTU, employed as secretaries, stenographers, cashiers, bookkeepers and clerks. Ruth Tipton and Barbara Canada from the Merkel office will attend.

Mary Joe Craig, secretary to Vice President J. F. Longley, is general chairman of this year's meeting. Morning session chairman is Mary Stover, afternoon session chairman is Leannah Huddleston, and evening session chairman is Virginia Logan.

The morning session will begin with registration at 8:30 at Lytle Shores Auditorium. Appearing on the morning program will be Mary Joe Craig, J. F. Longley, Ruth Lookingbill, employe at Lake Pauline Power Plant Mary Wilkerson, secretary to President C. L. Young; Waurene Cannon, meter records department; Richard Kim, guest speaker who is assistant professor of government, Hardin-Simmons University; Beverly Womack, secretary to Vice President R. E. Kennedy; Joyce Drake and Exie Dillingham, Home Economists; and Barbara De Lormiere, employe in the general office.

Appearing on the program during the afternoon session will be Marie Bush, secretary to Dan Gallagher, controller; Marie Taylor, secretary to E. N. Mitchell, personnel department; and a panel of seven employes moderated by Pat Roach, employe in the Albany office.

The evening session will be held in the Paradise Room at the Sands Hotel at 7 p.m. Following an invocation by Dickie Schloemer, employe at the Balmorhea office, dinner will be served. After dinner speaker will be C. L. Young, president of WTU Co. Entertainment will be in four parts; music by "The 2 1/2's"; Joe Liles, magician; readings by Lucile Gerber; and a style and variety show. Commentator for the style show will be Lucile Gerber.

JONES COUNTY TEA SET IN ANSON MAY 3

Nineteen members, four visitors and eleven clubs represented the twelve Home Demonstration Clubs when council met for the monthly session in Anson April 18 with Mrs. H. H. Windham presiding.

Among the committee reports, Mrs. Maxey Harvey, year book chairman, asked that the year book suggestions be turned in to her to be used in planning the books for another year. Mrs. Charlie Myatt, in the absence of Mrs. H. A. Haynes, reported on the exhibits concerning the West Texas Fair. Mrs. L. R. Faulkenberry, marketing chairman, reported that one and a half pint plastic freezer containers are available as well as the usual pint and quart sizes.

Mrs. Mary Newberry announced the annual 4-H club weiner roast to be held in Anson at the park, April 26. Mrs. Charles Noles, health and safety chairman commended all clubs for their interest in polio, heart and diabetes. She stressed the urgency of having a first aid kit in your car and also to know your blood type.

Mrs. Noel Weaver, T.H.D.A.

CEMETERY FUND

The following persons have made contributions to the Merkel Cemetery Association fund:

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Patterson
Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Anderson
Tom and Velma Largent
Earl Lassiter Family
Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Ferguson

William R. Cypert
Mrs. T. G. Bragg
Frances and Red Alston
Pat Touchstone
Mrs. C. K. Russell
Wimberly Ebbitt
Mrs. W. H. Spears

ANNUAL CO-OP MEETING BEING HELD TODAY

Members of the Taylor Electric Co-operative, Inc. will hold their 21st annual meeting Thursday, April 26, in the annex of the co-op building on Highway 80 west of Merkel.

Registration will get underway at 9:30 a.m. with entertainment by the Merkel High School Stage Band from 10 to 11 a.m. to be followed by the Hardin-Simmons Combo from 11 a.m. to 12 noon.

Lunch will be served at noon. The meeting will resume at 1 p.m. with entertainment by the "2 1/2's."

A business meeting will be held

at 1:30 p.m.

Three new directors will be elected at the business meeting. Nominated by the nominating committee are H. R. Roberts of Ovalo, Sam Butman Jr. of Merkel and Oma Thomas of Marynell.

Nominated by petition are R. C. Watts Jr. of Blackwell, H. T. Fleming of Rt. 5, Abilene, Ray Osborn of Rt. 4, Merkel and Lucian Gilbreath of Tye.

Other nominations may be made from the floor. Door prizes, donated by manufacturers and suppliers as well as local merchants, will be given away plus a grand prize.

BURLESON RAPS NEW PRESIDENTIAL POWERS

Fears that granting unprecedented tariff-cutting powers to President Kennedy by Congress would open a "Pandora's Box" of trouble in the realm of foreign trade were expressed in Abilene this week by Cong. Omar Burleson of Anson.

Discussing the trade bill, the congressman, unopposed for reelection, said he would question the constitutionality of Congress' granting to the executive a "one-man decision in adjusting tariffs and quotas and also would be very concerned about a proposal to subsidize industries injured by such adjustments."

The 17th Congressional District official, interviewed Monday night, pointed out that West Texas has a vital stake in the For-

eign Trade Act which is due for House and Senate debate in the near future.

He referred to the agriculture and oil industries, which he said could be greatly affected by increased importation from overseas competition should trade barriers be lowered.

Burleson, visiting in his home district since Saturday, also talked on other subjects — the Berlin negotiations and the Presidential intervention in the rise of steel prices among them.

He granted that the United States is or will be on the defensive in meeting European Common Market competition but added, "It is important to our domestic economy, to our balance of payments that we maintain a fair balance of trade."

How would Burleson meet the foreign competition?

"It's a matter of method," he said. "But to grant this broad, unprecedented power to the executive is something that I question the wisdom of."

To protect the domestic petroleum industry, Burleson said he has co-authored the Steel Amendment to the Foreign Trade Act which would put a mandatory limitation on foreign oil imports.

But whether he would support the trade bill — even with the Steel amendment — is a matter he will consider when it arises, the official said.

Burleson also voiced opposition to a presidential request now pending before Congress for an \$800 million appropriation to be used as a "standby sum" to bolster the economy in depressed areas.

The veteran congressman said the recent steel price controversy was "rather clumsily handled on both sides."

On current Berlin negotiations between the U.S. and Russia, Burleson said he did not think American diplomats would "soften" our attitude of standing firm for our rights in Berlin — both legal and moral.

Burleson said some agreements could be formulated between the two opposing powers on a day-to-day basis which would avoid a showdown in the divided German city.

Spring Flower Show Saturday At Trent High School

TRENT — The annual Trent Flower Show will be held Saturday from 1 to 6 p.m. in the Trent High School Cafeteria.

Theme of the show will be the interpretation of the song, "I Believe."

Mrs. Weldon Beasley, president of the club, has announced that the public is invited and there is no admission charge.

Mrs. Ronnie Freeman is chairman of the 1962 flower show.

2 Merkel Jaycees Return From Meet

Bob Jones and Buddy Martin returned Saturday from the State Junior Chamber of Commerce convention in Galveston.

Bob's name was drawn last year at the state convention in San Angelo for an all-expense paid trip for him and a friend as guests of the Galveston Junior Chamber for the 1962 convention.

Spring Revival At Calvary Baptist Church Underway

The annual spring revival at Calvary Baptist Church is being held this week with Evangelist Harold Flory, pastor of the Riverside Trinity Church in Fort Worth, in charge of services.

Services are being held nightly at 7:30 through Sunday.

Services are being held nightly at 7:30 through Sunday. Rev. Flory has been pastor of his present church five years. Prior to being called to Riverside Trinity he was on the staff of the First Baptist Church in Fort Worth.

During the past five years, Rev. Flory has baptized an average of 235 persons annually.

Special organ and piano music has been arranged for the revival.

Church officials have announced that this will give friends of the church an opportunity to hear some "old time Gospel" as well as see the many changes made at the church during the past few months.

Officer From Here Participated In Military Exercise

FORT HOOD — Army 1st Lt. Carroll E. Hays, 24, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill E. Hays, 1401 Herbering Dr., Merkel, participated with other personnel from the 2d Armored Division in Exercise Trackdown, a 12-day joint Army-Air Force training maneuver at Fort Hood, which ended April 24.

Trackdown was programmed to include three live-fire exercises utilizing the weapons of both ground forces and fighter aircraft. The firing was conducted in cleared impact areas representing enemy positions. The exercise was designed to stress joint operations which saw armor, fighter aircraft and infantry units deployed to form a unified mobile striking force.

Lt. Hays, a platoon leader in Headquarters Company of the division's 37th Armor at Fort Hood, entered the Army in April 1960.

The lieutenant is a 1955 graduate of Merkel High School and a 1960 graduate of Hardin-Simmons University.

Noodle - Horn FHA Picks Delegates For State Meet

The delegates for Noodle-Horn F.H.A. chapter selected to attend the state meeting in Dallas April 26-28 are Delores Carpenter and Rojean Perkins. Linda Perkins and Margaret Hunter will receive state degrees and Margaret will help with House of Delegates as outgoing Area IV Parliamentarian.

The group will be accompanied to Dallas by Mrs. Lowell Easley and Carolyn Cox.

The chapter members attended the Jones County W. H. D. clothing Consumer Day in Anson April 19. The group attended the afternoon session for the demonstration of laundry techniques with a wash and wear style show by Miss Mary Brehens, staff home economist for the Maytag Co.

Future activities for Noodle-Horn Chapter are a Banquet May 3, Mothers tea May 8, and shoe covering demonstration for Merkel girls May 11.

NEW GRANDDAUGHTER FOR NOODLE COUPLE

Dr. and Mrs. Burl Dillard of St. Louis, Mo., have a baby girl born at Barnes Maternity Hospital Easter Sunday. They named her Nancy Debra and she weighed in at 6 pounds. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Crawford of Crossett, Ark., and Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Dillard of Noodle.

Dr. and Mrs. Dillard have a son 14-months-old.

PIANO RECITAL SET AT BAPTIST CHURCH

Mrs. T. T. Earhman and Mrs. R. J. Miller will present a group of their pupils in a piano recital at the First Baptist Church, Sunday, May 1, at 8 p.m. The public is invited.

STATE CAPITAL Highlights AND Sidelights by Vern Sanford

AUSTIN, Tex. — The hundreds of candidates who are running for places in the Texas House of Representatives and the Texas Senate have plenty of problems. But when the victors get to Austin they'll have a new one. Big question will be "where to park their cars?"

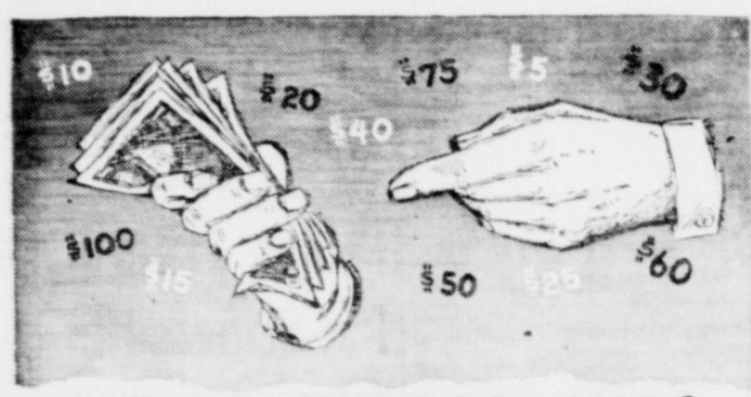
Lack of parking facilities on the Capitol grounds causes a maddening game of musical chairs — or musical cars — at each legislative session. Speaker of the House James A. Turman says the problem is "growing more acute each day."

So, Turman appointed a committee which may have the longest title in the history of the statehouse: The Interim Committee To Study State Owned Lands Around the Capitol Concerning the Possibility of Converting Such Into Parking Lots.

Rep. Obie Jones of Austin was named chairman. Two other Austin members, Reps. Wilson Forman and Charles Sandahl, will serve on the interim study committee.

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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

FARMERS COOP GIN
SATURDAY
APRIL 28, 2:30 p.m.

Three directors are to be elected
Annual report will be read
Dividend checks will be handed out

ive action in the January session. Outcome may rest on voter pressure between now and the November general election.

Under the current system, schools get 42 per cent of the property tax dollars; cities take 29 per cent; counties, 18 per cent; and the state government and special districts only get five per cent each.

Texas Municipal League has urged the state to abandon the ad valorem tax and let the cities increase their property taxes.

Hale-Aikin committee asked the state to abandon the tax and let schools levy it.

Tax experts often have declared that county assessors might place higher values on property, if they felt more of the ad valorem tax dollar would stay in the county.

COLLEGE FUNDS SHORT — Presidents and business managers of Texas' 19 state-supported colleges and universities were stunned this week when Texas Commission on Higher Education reported they will get only 54 per cent of the funds they requested to meet increased enrollment in 1963.

Administrators had set their future needs at \$2,770,951. But Legislature only appropriated \$1,500,000 to supplement teaching salaries for enrollment increases. So the commission's staff prepared the fund among the 19 schools.

Dr. F. L. McDonald, president of Lamar State College of Technology in Beaumont, didn't take the news quietly. "This is one of the reasons why we are never able to raise salaries," he protested. He said the colleges are never allotted enough money, and "have to dig it up."

While the 19 presidents are trying to balance their budgets, Commission on Higher Education will be studying requests from three more colleges which want to join the state system: Odessa, San Antonio and Laredo junior colleges.

Recommendations will be made when the 53rd Legislature convenes.

NEW SHELL GAME — Land Commissioner Jerry Sadler predicts that Texas never will yield control over any part of Padre Island to the federal government. He charged that some Texans have been "deceived" by talk of an 88-mile-long national park there.

He said the U. S. Senate did not approve a park, but a National Seashore Area.

"This status," says Sadler, "would keep Padre Island and Laguna Madre in an undeveloped state."

Sadler urged Attorney General Will Wilson to push recovery of Laguna Madre acreage from private owners before they convey their rights to the U. S. Department of the Interior.

Meanwhile, U. S. Congressman Joe Kilgore of McAllen said the House National Parks Subcommittee will make an on-the-ground survey of the island from May 11 through May 13. They will return to Washington, D. C., to consider legislation on May 14.

READING PUBLIC GROWS — Dr. Dorman H. Winfrey, State librarian, announced an increase of 13 public libraries in Texas and more than a quarter of a million books on library shelves throughout the state.

He said library service has improved to the point where there are now 106 branch libraries, in comparison to 97 in 1960. More than \$4,400,000 was spent for library construction last year, "possibly the biggest library-building year in more than three decades."

Dr. Winfrey gave much of the credit for library development to the Rural Library Service Division of the Texas State Library. It operates bookmobile services throughout the state; furnishes books for libraries in cities and communities of less than 10,000 population; and provides consultants without charge.

But many of the achievements

can be claimed by communities — like Taylor, Rockdale, Nuvastota and Alvin — where citizens get out and raise the money for library building funds.

HIGHEST HIGHWAY LETTING SET — State Highway Engineer D. C. Greer said the highway department's April bid letting will be the biggest this year. Low bids are expected to total some \$23,600,000.

The April 24-25 letting will involve 952 miles of Texas highways and cover contracts for 422 miles of U. S. and State highways; 148 miles of farm-to-market roads and 382 miles of seal-coat work.

"We are leading the nation in miles of interstate, primary and secondary highways," Greer stated, "and we want to keep that lead."

gabby doodle from noodle says

DEAR MISTER EDITOR:

I was mighty upset to git your note from that school teacher complaining about my spelling. I have always took a heap of pride in the fact that I am right broadminded about this spelling business. I figger a feller that can't spell a word but one is not only pritty ignorant but he ain't got much imagination.

I recollect when I was a boy our teacher told us about this feller Sir Walter Raleigh that come over from England and discovered North Carolina. He never signed his name the same way twice in a row. Sometimes he spelled it Raleigh, then he would spell it Rawley, and he signed his last will and testament "Walter Rolly."

Now there, Mister Editor, was a feller with imagination. One of the great troubles with education today is that we git in a rut and stay there, like spelling a word the same way all the time.

Back in my time we didn't have nothing but one-room, one-teacher schools. The parents bring wood to the school yard in wagon lengths and us boys had to split it up and put it in a pot-bellied stove. But they was one thing we did have and that was imagination, especial in spelling. I'm mighty sorry this school teacher can't sit a little more flexible in this field.

And speaking of imagination, it's beginning to look like the White House was a little short in this department. When the new lady treasurer of the U.S. got in office, she favored printing our paper money in different colors. For instant, a five printed in red would not be mistook for a ten printed in yellow. The White House turned it down, and now I see by the papers where mail on the subject is running four to one for the change.

I was discussing this item with my old lady and she is strong for this new color scheme. She allowed as how they'd never git any colors fer money that would clash with the outfit she was wearing. That's just like a woman, Mister Editor. They say wimmen control three-fourths of all the money in the United States, and I reckon this is the only country in the world where men git their picture on the money and the wimmen git their hands on it.

The fellers at the country store Saturday night was talking about these items and Ed Doolittle allowed as how all wimmen was unreasonable in money. He said if a husband an had a joint checking acc was never overdrawed by his wife, just underdeposited husband. I didn't say not about wimmen, nothing fer that is.

Yours truly,
Gabby

District 3 HD Assn. Meeting April 10

The annual District 3 Texas Home Demonstration Association meeting was held Tuesday, April 10 in the Student Center at Midwestern University, Wichita Falls, and was attended by over 200 club members and guests from the 16 counties which make up the district. The day was spent learning what each county is doing in Home Demonstration work.

Mrs. Jack Phillips Jr., was elected district vice president and Mrs. Clarence Davis was endorsed as a candidate for state president from district 3.

Welcome address was by Judge Temple Driver of Wichita County and the response was given by Mrs. Noel Weaver, Jones County.

Reagan Brown, rural sociologist, Extension Service, made the address on the state theme "Facing the Challenge of Today's Tasks." Brown stated that the questions are the same today but the answers are changing, to put first things first and learn what are the important things of today. He said too many parents are blaming Grandma for complexes, he urged all to buy a great love for America and broaden citizenship study and practices in the Home Demonstration Clubs.

Don't sell the kids short, turn Christ back on in our nation, people are judged by the tracks they leave, were some of the topics of his concluding remarks, ending with a compliment to the Home Demonstration Club women, saying that they are the salt of the earth.

Business was conducted with Mrs. A. R. Knight presiding. Mrs. Knight is filling the unexpired term of Mrs. Trainham, vice-chairman, who died a few months ago.

Reports were given from each county. Mrs. Noel Weaver, Jones County, gave the Civil Defense report, Mrs. H. H. Windham read the summary of the meeting.

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T-BONE STEAK Lb. **89c**

TIDE Giant **65c**

BLEACH
PUREX Qt. **19c**

KOOL AID ... 5 pkg. **19c**

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WAFERS **29c**

KIMBELL'S
VIENNAS ... 2 For **35c**

KIMBELL'S 12 oz. can
LUNCH MEAT **37c**

DEL MONTE FRESH CUCUMBER
PICKLE CHIPS 15 oz. jar **19c**

BETTY CROCKER LAYER
CAKE MIX Pkg. **29c**

KRAFT PINAPPLE
PRESERVES 18 oz. glass **39c**

WALDORF
TISSUE 4 roll pkg. **33c**

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PHONE 173 — TWO DELIVERIES DAILY AT 10:30 A.M.

& 4:30 P.M.



MRS. E. C. RAY HAS BIRTHDAY DINNER

Mrs. E. C. Ray had a birthday and Easter dinner at her home Sunday morning they all attended church and after church all had a big dinner, then enjoyed the evening with an Easter egg hunt and made moving pictures. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Horace Steele and two sons, Randell and Mikey from Corpus Christi, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Ray, Mark, Martha and Doug of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Ray, Daren and Mikel of Merkel and Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Pyburn of Abilene. Mrs. Pyburn is teaching school in Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Fox and children of Abilene visited with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Fox in the First Baptist Church of Merkel Sunday night.

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COOK - MILLER RITES SLATED FOR JUNE 2

GILLILAND — Mr. and Mrs. Alton L. Cook are announcing the engagement of their daughter, Sherry, to Jerry Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Miller of Merkel.

The couple will exchange vows June 2 at the College Church of Christ Chapel in Abilene.

Miss Cook, a 1961 graduate of Munday High School, is a sophomore at Abilene Christian College. Miller, a 1961 graduate of Abilene Christian College, is a teacher and coach in the Abilene public school system.

Noodle FHA Gives Program For P-TA Meeting Monday

The Noodle Horn Chapter of Future Homemakers of America presented the program for the Noodle P-TA Monday night. About 40 persons attended.

Mrs. A. D. Hill gave the financial report and members voted to help with eighth grade banquet and assist with Future Homemakers State Meeting.

Mrs. Edd Womach, president, presided. The Future Homemakers presented the devotional that they gave at the Area IV meeting in Stephenville. They also sponsored the showing of the Texas Education agency film "A Shoebox Full of Dreams."

The following girls took part: Paula Caldwell, Caron Carter, Rojean Perkins, Charlotte Alexander, Margaret Hunter, Lois Adams, Barbara Herron, Merylon Carter, Linda Perkins and Carolyn Cox.

Delores Carpenter was narrator. David Adams, Marilyn Maxwell and Rodgers Ely assisted the girls.

Mrs. Lowell Easley is chapter sponsor. Refreshments were served following the meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Spratlan and Carol spent Easter Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Otis Spratlan and Royce. Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Spratlan and family, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Spratlan and family of Odessa.

TOO LATE TO CLASSET

WANTED — Car boys wanted. Rays Drive-In Sweetwater, 1011 East Broadway, 7-3p

FOR RENT — Rooms and furnished apartment. Bills paid. Merkel Hotel, Ph. 9503

LEAVES FOR BASIC TRAINING WITH NAVY

Dennis Wayne Holder, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Holder of 104 Manchester, left for an 80-day basic training at San Diego with the U.S. Navy and Sea Bees. He will be back sometime in July. His grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Holder of 306 Martin St.

Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Mashburn and daughter, Lee Ann of Big Spring, were guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Boch for the Easter holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Fox and children of Abilene visited with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Fox in the First Baptist Church of Merkel Sunday night.

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Merkel Church Pays Off Debt

The Merkel Methodist Church Sunday, April 29, will celebrate the retirement of the building indebtedness with a homecoming celebration, it was announced this week.

Invitations have been sent to all former members of the church to join in this homecoming celebration.

Former pastors and all who have entered the field of ministry or church-related activities through this church have also received invitations.

The Rev. Hugh Hunt, one of the former pastors, will be the speaker for the occasion.

The day's activities are planned to properly celebrate this milestone in the Methodist Church of Merkel.

"This day is a great day for our

CROSSWAYS

E T O R T



from DALLAS PERKINS

MY OPPONENTS FOR THE TEXAS SENATE SAY EVERYONE IN THIS DISTRICT OWES HIS JOB TO THEM. ON ACCOUNT OF THEY PASSED A LAW CALLED "RIGHT - TO - WORK" LAW. MOST PEOPLE WOULD GIVE THE ALMIGHTY A LITTLE CREDIT FOR GOOD HEALTH AND THE ABILITY TO WORK. NOT SO MY OPPONENTS.

FRIEND OF MINE IN TYE WONDERS WHY THEY DIDN'T THINK TO PASS A "RIGHT - TO - BREATHE" LAW. THAT WOULD APPEAL TO EVERYBODY — EVEN POLITICIANS WHO DON'T WANT TO WORK AT ALL. BUT HAVE TO KEEP FULL OF HOT AIR.

DALLAS PERKINS

DEMOCRAT FOR TEXAS SENATE

Pd. Pol. Ad

Stith News

By MRS. FRITZ HALE

members, our former members and the pastors who worked so hard and so patiently in the community," the Rev. Alvis J. Cooley, present pastor, said.

He urged all members and former members to mark April 29 and to join in the celebration.

Mrs. John B. Davidson and daughter, Suzy visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Miller during the Easter holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Largent of Chickasha, Okla., visited in the home of his brother, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Largent, the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Thaxton of Lubbock visited in the home of his cousin, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Thaxton Tuesday afternoon.

The Jones and Taylor County fifth Sunday singing will be held at the Stith Baptist Church Sunday afternoon at 2 p.m. April 29. Every one is cordially invited. Leroy Butler of Abilene is president of the singing.

Several from this community attended the funeral of Jack Cannon at the First Baptist Church in Merkel Thursday. He was the father of Mrs. Sam Mashburn, Stith. We extend our sympathy to the family.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Bradley of Hico spent Thursday night with Mr. and Mrs. M. E. West. They were here for the Cannon funeral. Sandra Hale and Pat McDonald

from Stith went on the "a trip to the Flying L ranch a dera last week. They report good time.

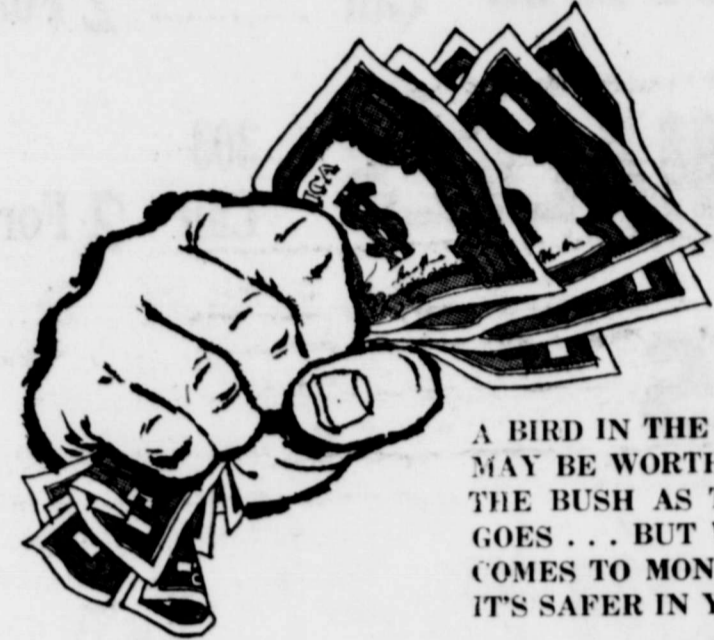
Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher spent Friday night with Mr. Mrs. O. L. Howard at De. They also visited their son his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Jones at Cross Plains.

Rev. and Mrs. Moore and visited Mr. and Mrs. Ray Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Orval Ely children spent Saturday night at Stamford Lake.

Randon Ely was baptized day with three of his class and joined the Tye Met. Church.

Mrs. Mary E. Provine spent Easter Sunday with Mrs. Le Stanford of Odessa.



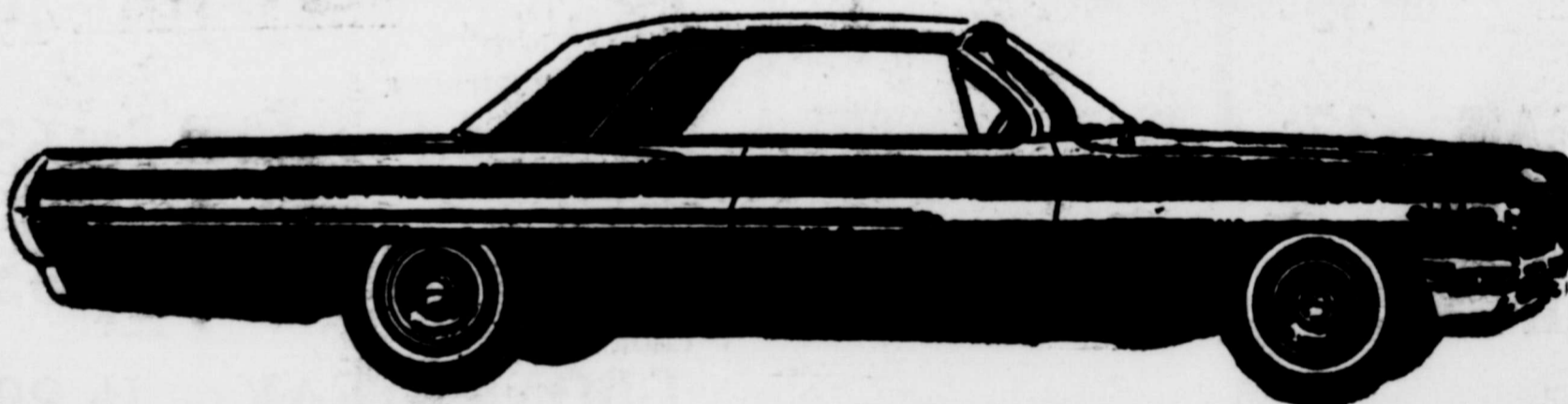
A BIRD IN THE HAND MAY BE WORTH TWO IN THE BUSH AS THE SAYING GOES . . . BUT WHEN IT COMES TO MONEY . . . IT'S SAFER IN YOUR

Checking Account

A handful or pocketful of money might be lost or stolen, so why take the risk? Bank promptly and be sure your cash has insured protection; THEN when you need cash write it as you need it with a personal check. Cancelled checks are receipts for payments — check book records give you a detailed record of income and outgo (valuable to have at your fingertips for tax returns). Make it a rule to pay all important obligations by check. It's safer, it's businesslike.

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RDEN CLUB SHOW WINNERS ANNOUNCED

Merkel Garden Club spring show, "Fashions and Flowers," was presented at the Mer-School Auditorium Friday 12, from 2 until 9 p.m. for the Easter Parade as an enchanting garden finished with a flowing stream as the local point of interest. Mack Fisher, club president, welcomed the guest and extended her appreciation to local club members and others who cooperated in the venture to

make the flower show and program a success. More than 150 young people of school age through the tenth grade took part in the function. Miss Jill Boh West announced the program and introduced each act and escort. Folk games and songs enlivened the program. Judges for the flower show were Mrs. H. L. Bosse, R. Grady Bowdy, Earl Stagner, Marvin Simpson, W. J. Bryant of Stamford and W. H. Buchanan of Abilene. The prizes were entertained at the country club for luncheon by Mmes. Mack Fisher, Carroll Dale Litten and Dee Grimes.

The award of merit was won by Mrs. A. H. McElmurray; tri-color and sweepstakes award by Mrs. Odell Freeman and award of distinction by Mrs. Odell Freeman. In the Artistic Division the following won blue ribbons: Mrs. Carroll, Miss Norah Foster, Mrs. Robert Hicks, Herbert Patterson, Mrs. H. N. Odum, Odell Freeman and Dale Litten. Artistic Division Red ribbons to Mmes. Jarrett Williams, Hardy, Dee Grimes, John

Shannon, Charley Sherrill and Miss Christine Collins. Yellow ribbons went to Mmes. W. Brown, A. H. McElmurray, Mack Fisher, Dent Gibson, Charley Sherrill and W. S. J. Brown. In the Junior Division blue ribbons were won by Terry Wozniak and Ann Carson.

In the Horticulture Division the following won blue ribbons: Mmes. Joe Hartley 5, Mary Click 3, Johnny Cox 2, A. H. McElmurray 2, Herbert Patterson 2, B. H. Jones 2, Dale Litten 1, Clyde Bartlett 1, John Gibson 1, Raymond Ferguson 1, John Hughes 1, Charley Sherrill 1, John Shannon 1, and Miss Christine Connors 1. Red ribbons went to Mmes. Joe Hartley 3, Robert Hicks 2, H. N. Odum 2, Odell Freeman 2, Mary Click 1, Josie Shanks 1, Johnny Cox 1, Herbert Patterson 1, Eu-

ice Massey 1, Ernest Teaff 1, Raymond Ferguson 1, John Shannon 1, and Miss Norah Foster 1. Yellow ribbons went to Mmes. Joe Hartley 2, A. H. McElmurray 1, Mary Click 1, Raymond Ferguson 1, H. N. Odum 1, Herbert Patterson 1, Earl Hughes 1, Johnny Cox 1, and Miss Norah Foster 1.

White ribbons went to Mmes. Herbert Patterson 1, Joe Hartley 1, Mary Click 1, Charley Sherrill 1, and Miss Norah Foster 1. The education division was arranged by Mrs. Johnny Cox and Mrs. Bryan Duracin. It had the theme of "Protect our Birds," and won the green ribbon. Mrs. Dave Johnson and sons, Wayne and Ray of Waco were recent guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Miller.

Sorority Planning Observance May 1 Of Founder's Day

The Lambda Delta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi will celebrate the 31st anniversary of the founding of the organization May 1 at 7 p.m. at a buffet supper to be held at the home of Mrs. Harry Bullock, co-sponsor of the chapter. In addition to the supper, traditional ceremonies will be observed to mark the occasion. Mrs. Carroll Benson will present a special message from the sorority's founder. She has received the message from the International Headquarters in Kansas City.

Mo. It will be the central event of the evening's program. The first chapter of the sorority was formed in Abilene, Kan., in 1931. There are now 7,000 chapters and 150,000 members in 14 counties. The social committee has charge of the Founder's Day celebration. Mrs. Luther Reeger will serve as toastmistress. Others who will have a part on the program will be Mrs. Dale Litten, Mrs. Jack South and Mrs. Homer Patterson. Mr. and Mrs. Herman Doan of Mineral Wells, were house guests of their son, Mr. and Mrs. Sammie Doan and family the past week. Also with his sisters, Mr. and Mrs. Adrone Farmer and Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Amason.

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WANT ADS

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING RATES
Classified ads are 4 cents per word for the first insertion and 3 cents per word for additional insertions. Minimum charge is \$1. Cards of thanks are \$1 for the first 50 words; 4 cents for each word over 50.

MISCELLANEOUS
FOR MONUMENTS & CEMETERY CURBING
M. A. (Sarg) NOSTER
Phone 321-W 1404 Herring Dr. MERKEL, TEXAS

WANTED — Dirty windshields to clean. K & E Service Center 5-4fc

WANTED — Pasture for sheep. Lease basis or on halves. Write to Box 428, Merkel. 18-4fc

SEPTIC TANKS, CESS POOLS AND CELLARS pumped out. Satisfaction guaranteed. Call collect, OR 3-3081, Abilene. 60-4fc

MATERNITY SHOP
Store hours Tues., Fri. & Sat. from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Other hours by appointment. 907 Ash, Merkel. Phone 356-W, Jackie Doan. 46-4fc

WANTED — Home repair work. We specialize in repairing homes, roofs and concrete work or will add a room. Phone OR 3-6535, Abilene.

BATTERIES CHARGED 29c
WHITE AUTO STORE
Merkel, Texas

WE REPAIR and have parts for Norelco and Remington electric razors. McCue Drug. Phone 9506 46-4fc

WANTED — Want to buy farm on GI loan before June 1. Give information at 73-W or call OW 2-1339, Abilene. 7-3tp

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Ray Skages
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COUNTY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT
Clive Pierce (reelection)
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Change of Address: See Office/Ad Section.

REWARD
A REWARD is being offered of eternal life, to all those who repent of sin and trust Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord. Attend Sunday Services at First Baptist Church, 11:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. to get details.

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WANTED — Gardens to plow. Call Almer Barnes at 157-J. 5-3tp

ATTENTION — House moving, leveling foundations. Odie Hailey Ph. OR 2-4922 Abilene. 2-12tp

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FOR RENT — Good late model typewriters. Tel. 246-M after 5 p.m. 25-4fc

FOR RENT OR LEASE — Store building at 1040 North 1st., formerly Eunice's Beauty Shop. Nolan Palmer. 32-4fc

FOR RENT — 3 room house with storage room. 501 El Paso St. Phone 175 Johnny Warren. 3-4fc

FOR RENT — Five room and bath house in Trent. W. T. Lawlis. 5-3tp

FOR RENT: Unfurnished 2 bedroom house. 402 Ash St. or call 51 W. 46-4fc

FOR RENT: 4 room house unfurnished on Marion St. Inquire at 1312 N. 2nd. Mrs. Mack Hodo 6-3tp

FOR RENT — Two room and bath house at 305 Lamar St. Ph. OR 2-0985, Abilene, collect.

FOR SALE — See me for Knapp shoes. Peck Eager, K & E Service Center. Phone 208. 34-4fc

FOR SALE — Flute reasonably priced. Call 133-W. 26-4tp

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We have electric billings and phone bills. Call for mail down payment. Act Now and select your own plan. 48-4fc

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FOR SALE — Massey Harris self-propelled combine, Super 80, 14 ft cut. See Red Dickerson or call 344-R. 6-3tp

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LEGAL NOTICE
THE STATE OF TEXAS
To any Sheriff or any Constable within the State of Texas —
GREETING:
You are hereby commanded to cause to be published once each week for four consecutive weeks, the first publication to be at least twenty-eight days before the return day thereof, in a newspaper printed in Taylor County, Texas, the accompanying citation of which the herein below following is a true copy.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: Dewey A. Tessier, Jr., Defendant. Greeting:
YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County at the Courthouse thereof, in Abilene, Texas, by filing a written answer at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 21st day of May A. D. 1962, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said court, on the 26th day of February A. D. 1960, in this cause, numbered 24,722-A on the docket of said court and styled Edna Tessier, Plaintiff, vs. Dewey A. Tessier, Jr., Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff sues for a divorce on the grounds of harsh and cruel treatment, and prays for care and custody of minor children; as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this 6th day of April A. D. 1962.
(Seal)
Attest: R. H. ROSS, Clerk
42nd District Court
Taylor County, Texas
By Janie Martin, Deputy 5-4tc

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VETERANS INFORMATION

Q—Is it true that VA hospitals welcome volunteer workers and what do they do?
A—Volunteers are welcome. They serve the veteran-patients in many ways: reading to or writing letters for the bedridden; pushing wheelchair patients to and from libraries, chapel, etc., doing errands or just improving patient morale by chatting with lonely individuals. See the director of any VA hospital for further information.

Q—Is legal help necessary to obtain benefits from the VA?
A—It is not necessary to obtain legal help in seeking VA benefits. Any VA office will furnish the necessary forms and instructions and will explain what constitutes eligibility.

Q—Although I was only married to a veteran for two years, we had twins shortly before he died. Is it true that I cannot be considered his "widow" for VA benefit purposes unless I had been married to him for at least five years?
A—When one or more child resulted from a marriage, there is no time limit requirement in order for the wife of the deceased veteran to qualify as his "widow" for VA benefit purposes.

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TO: W. G. Williams, Sr., Defendant. Greeting:
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A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff and defendant were married Nov. 27, 1947 and became permanently separated January 1, 1957.

Plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds of harsh and cruel treatment and for custody of their minor children as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

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Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said court at Abilene, Texas, this 10th day of April A. D. 1962.
(SEAL)
Attest: R. H. Ross Clerk,
104th District Court
Taylor County, Texas
By Irene Crawford, Deputy.

LEGAL NOTICE
Bids on five acres, more or less, the F. W. Strip of land. Sealed bids should be mailed to the Merkel City Hall. Bids will be acted on at the first meeting of May 7. All bids can be rejected.
Merkel City Council 5-4tc

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CAPITAL GAINS AND LOSSES

Gain from the sale of a capital asset is given preferential tax treatment on your income tax return. In general this capital asset treatment applies to any property held by a taxpayer except property which the taxpayer is engaged in the business of selling. Normally, when you sell capital asset you either sell it at a gain or you sustain a loss, both computations being based upon the difference between the cost you paid for the item being sold and the selling price.

Generally, capital assets sold by you at a loss which are in the nature of personal, non-business property used by you for your own benefit do not result in a loss deduction. On the other hand, all items sold by you at a gain do result in gross income to the extent of the gain. An exception to this rule regarding gain is in the case of the sale of personal residence. This will be the subject of a later article in this series.

The profit on the sale of a capital asset is includable in gross income in its entirety. Where, however, you have held the asset for more than six months, you are entitled to a deduction of 50 per cent of the gain. Gain from the sale of a capital asset held more than six months is known as long-term capital gain.

A popular misconception is that long-term capital gains are taxable at a flat 25 per cent rate. Actually, this is the maximum rate. After the 50 per cent deduction mentioned above, the balance of the long term capital gain is added to other income and the tax rate applied to the total. Unless this total after other deductions and exemptions, exceeds \$36,000 in the case of a married taxpayer filing a joint return, the rate is less than 25 per cent.

Losses from the sale of capital assets, except again those held for your personal benefit such as a residence or a car, are deductible in the year you sell the capital asset, but only to the extent of your capital gains. However, if your losses exceed capital gains, you are allowed to deduct an additional \$1,000 against other income. Any balance of the loss remaining will be carried over to the five succeeding years and deducted, subject to the same rules.

Property used in your business, but not held for sale to customers, receives a hybrid treatment upon sale. If a profit is made on the sale, it is treated as capital gain. However, if a loss results, the loss is deductible in full in the year of sale to the extent of any income received. Items in this category include: rental property, store

buildings and fixtures and farm machinery.
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April 1 and May 1 are important deadlines for Texans to render their property to various taxing agencies. State laws require all real and personal property to be rendered for taxes on or before prescribed dates. Those who fail to comply can blame only themselves for the money loss they may consequently suffer.

Some Texas cities set their own tax deadlines. These are the cities of more than 5,000 population which have incorporated under the "Home Rule" provisions of our statutes. All other cities are governed by the general laws of Texas.

In towns operating under the general laws property must be rendered for taxes between January 1 and April 1 each year. A number of home rule cities set up the same requirements in their ordinances, while others prescribe different periods.

For state and county tax purposes, property must be rendered to the County Tax Assessor by April 30, and homestead, exemptions must be claimed by the same time.

In some localities a third taxing unit is involved — the independent school district. In other places school taxes are collected by the city or county. In addition, some localities have water, irrigation, or levee districts which assess and collect taxes. Make inquiry as to where these various taxes are assessed, and as to applicable deadlines for rendition.

What property must be rendered for taxes? If Texas laws were strictly enforced, we would be required to render to all taxing units nearly every piece of real and personal property which we own, down to the very clothing on our backs. An exception is the constitutional exemption of \$250 worth of household furniture. However, no taxing unit carries its require-

ments this far, and it will be necessary to inquire of each assessor when rendering your property whether specific types of property are ordinarily rented locally. Some cities collect ad valorem automobiles, television, other personal items, which ignore practically all personal property. Business and professional men are generally required to render all merchandise, fixtures, business automobile equipment.

If property is not rendered by the tax payer, it may be sold upon the unrendered and the taxing agency plus valuation thereon as it fair. One advantage of your property is that you own your own valuation. Then, county or city decides a valuation is in order you will given an opportunity to appear before a board to explain why a higher figure should not be used in computing your taxes.

Thereafter, an appeal to the courts is possible in some instances. Generally speaking, however, the courts are unable to strike out a valuation unless the agency or board has acted arbitrarily and placed on the property a valuation higher than that placed on comparable property owned by others. If you do not render, the valuation set by the taxing agency is final.

Remember these facts: You may need to render your property at three or more different tax offices. Ask each tax assessor if in doubt concerning the deadline or the rendering of specific personal items.

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Bill for a Padre Island Seashore Recreation Area and the United States Senator years of work on it moved it past the half on the road to becoming a thanks to hundreds and of you who have helped guide it through the comes and on to passage by the Senate, with your letters, your phone calls, your petitions, your telegrams and your messages. Together, we are opening a door for Texans to march through into a new recreational era and a new era of economic gain too. Together—and in increasing numbers—we have worked since 1958 for this bill to establish a national seashore recreational area on Padre Island. The bill passed the full Senate in the same form in which it was

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PASTEUR'S CONTRIBUTION TO MEDICINE HAS BECOME ONE OF THE FOUNDATION STONES OF MODERN IMMUNOLOGY; THE DEVELOPMENT OF VACCINES, SUCH AS THE SALK AND SALKIN ANTI-POLIO VACCINES WORK ON THE PRINCIPLE OF MUSTERING THE BODY'S OWN DEFENSES AGAINST INVASION BY ENEMY VIRUSES.

IN 1880, PASTEUR, AFTER MANY EXPERIMENTS, DEVELOPED A METHOD OF TREATING RABIES BY INOCULATING PEOPLE WITH ANTI-RABIES VACCINE. HIS DISCOVERY HAS SAVED THE LIVES OF MANY INDIVIDUALS BITTEN BY RABID ANIMALS.

of the land is all that is needed for a park. This bill protects individual owners of oil and gas mineral rights and it protects the school funds of Texas. The government can use the surface for a park, but it wants these oil and gas mineral riches extracted and not lost to our economy.

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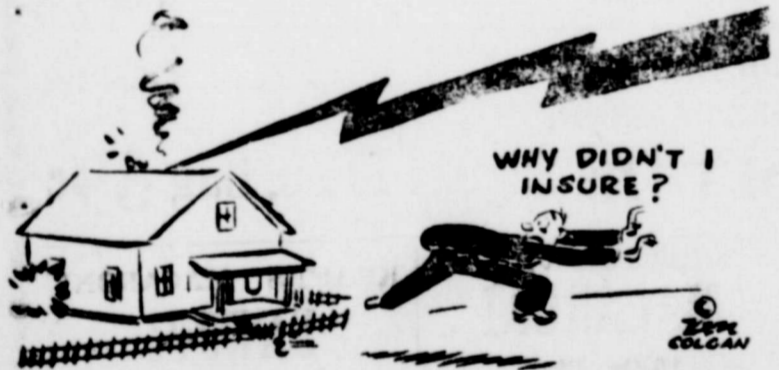
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approved by the Senate Interior and Insular Affairs Committee—for the full 88½ mile park, and with oil and gas mineral rights held by the State of Texas and other owners protected and with all crippling amendments defeated, without a single word changed.

Now that the Senate has approved the Padre Island park bill, it goes to the House. There, Congressman Joe Kilgore of McAllen, Congressman John Young of Corpus Christi and Congressman J. T. Rutherford of Odessa will have an important say in this vital bill.

Padre Island extends across parts of the districts of Congressman Young and Kilgore. Congressman J. T. Rutherford of Odessa is chairman of the House Committee, where the bill now goes. I will be working with these three Texans for creation of a National Park on Padre Island. Congressman Rutherford's Committee is the next key body which holds the fate of the Padre Island bill. A Texan sits in judgement on this Texas bill.

There were some opposition to the Padre Island bill when it came before the Senate, as had been expected. An effort was made by one group to seize this bill, for which we have worked so long and hard, and to go racing back into the past with it. They tried to send it back to committee — they tried to bury it in committee — where three complete hearings had already been held, one at Corpus Christi in 1959, others at Washington in 1960 and 1961. Then they tried without success to amend the bill to death. But just as the sands of Padre Island have withstood hurricane and treacherous tide, so did the Padre Island bill withstand all these assaults.

Senator Clinton B. Anderson of New Mexico, chairman of the Senate Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, gave me valiant support in the Senate debate. So did Senator Alan Bible of Nevada, chairman of the Public Lands Subcommittee. As it passed the Senate, the Padre Island bill will set apart 88½ miles of the 117 mile long Padre Island as a National Seashore Recreation Area, where the Federal government would build a headquarters building, a Ranger station, rest rooms, and many other facilities and would police the park and keep it safe for visitors.

Fellow Texans, our Padre Island bill could never have advanced through the Senate without your help and without help from men like Senator Anderson, Senator Bible, the Senate majority leader, Secretary of the Interior Udall — who endorsed the bill wholeheartedly — President John F. Kennedy, who sent a message to the Senate recommending the bill, and many others including many newspapers in Texas and radio and television stations in the Magic Rio Grande Valley.

I'm deeply grateful for their

support, and for yours. There is still much to be done; Fellow Texans, I promise you I will do everything within my power to help create a magnificent tourist attraction on Padre Island and to preserve this public beach for use for all the people for generations to come.

A few days ago I attended a highly successful public rally in Ringgold Park at Brownsville, Cameron County, in the magic Rio Grande Valley of Texas. This rally was held to give the people of South Texas an opportunity to demonstrate their strong support for a National Seashore Recreation Area on Padre Island. And they did demonstrate it, in the largest crowd that I have ever addressed in Brownsville as the sole speaker.

Padre Island is a narrow, 113-mile-long strip of largely undeveloped beach that extends along the Texas Gulf Coast, about three miles from the mainland, from Corpus Christi southward to Port Isabel. It has rough quarter-moon shape, with parts of the island sweeping inward closer to the mainland than either tip. It is easily the finest remaining open seashore in the United States suitable for preservation for public use.

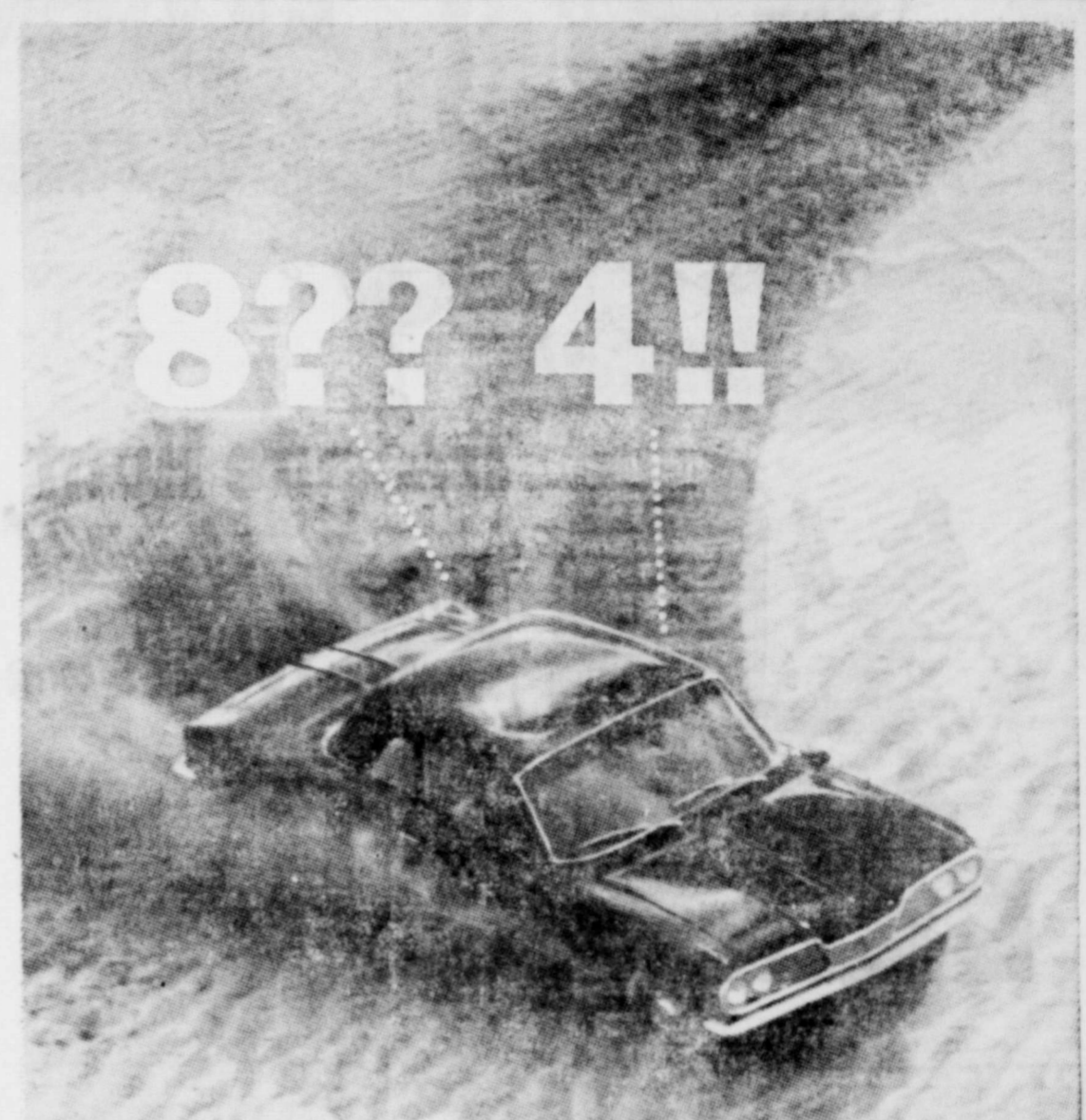
Senate Bill Number 4, which I introduced to create a National Seashore Area on 88½ miles of the island, includes a provision that would leave present ownership of the oil and gas minerals unchanged in the State of Texas and private owners, and would also preserve rights of present mineral owners to develop their holdings without undue federal interference.

The 88½ mile - long park would leave over 30 miles of shoreline on the island for private development, enough outside the park for nearly three Miami Beaches.

There is nothing in this bill that would affect Texas' hard-earned right to its offshore oil and gas mineral development. Since this question of oil and gas mineral rights has been raised by that little group of willful men who seek to block passage of the Padre Island park bill, I'd like for you to see a part of the bill itself to make the facts clear once and for all. The following is the exact text of Subsection D, Section 5, of Senate Bill No. 4:

"Any acquisition hereunder," the bill reads, "shall exclude and SHALL NOT DIMINISH ANY RIGHT OF OCCUPATION OR USE OF THE SURFACE UNDER GRANTS, LEASES OR EASEMENTS EXISTING ON THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ACT which are reasonably necessary for the EXPLORATION DEVELOPMENT, PRODUCTION, STORAGE, PROCESSING OR TRANSPORTING OF OIL AND GAS MINERALS that are removed from outside the boundaries of the national seashore OR FROM THE LANDS OR WATERS WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE NATIONAL SEASHORE and the Secretary may grant additional rights of occupation or use of the surface for purposes aforesaid upon the terms and under such regulations as may be prescribed by him."

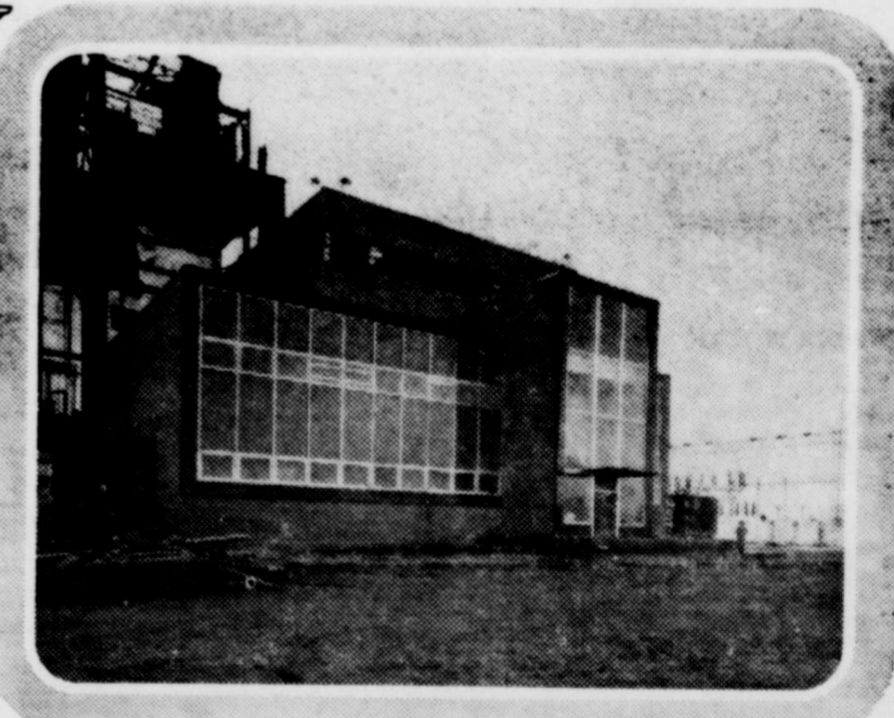
So, fellow Texans, this bill protects present owners in oil and gas minerals and their development. I can only add that as a future safeguard to oil and gas mineral rights, the United States government has absolutely no intention to acquire mineral rights in order to pay out huge sums of money to preserve a park. The surface



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